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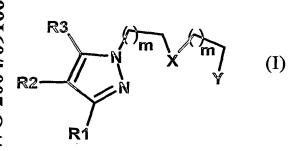
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a chelating agent of the general formula: (I), wherein m is 0 or 1; X is NR₄ or S; Y is SR₅, NHR₅ or P(R₅)₂; R₁ and R₃ are the same or different and are selected from H, alkyl or aryl; R2 is H, COOH, NHR6 or (CH2)nCOOR6; R4 is H, alkyl, aryl, $(CH_2)_nCOOR_6$ or $(CH2)_nOR_6$; R_5 is H, alkyl, aryl, $(CH_2)_nCOOR_6$ or $(CH_2)_nOR_6$, R_6 is H, alkyl or aryl; n is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10; and when $R_1 = R_3 = CH_3$, R_2 , R_4 and R_5 are not all three H. The invention further relates to a method and kit for the preparation of radiolabeled biomolecules while using the chelating agent.